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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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January 21, 1935.

EAT:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 4:35 PM

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
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Miss Candy.....

Mr. Whitley telephoned from Philadelphia with reference to the abandoned car, found near Quakertown, Pennsylvania, which car was the one used by Karpis and Campbell in making their escape from Atlantic City. Mr. Whitley stated that he had been unable to contact the Chief of Police at Quakertown, who was the individual who took the car into custody, but that he had talked with the Chief's daughter; that she advised him that the car had been found by a farmer about two miles south of Quakertown; that the farmer had notified the Chief of Police at Quakertown who after several hours delay, apparently, went down and took the car into custody and then notified the Pennsylvania State Police at Doylestown, Pennsylvania. There was no blood in the car when found, but there were four bullet holes, and the car is now at the State Police barracks at Doylestown.

Mr. Whitley stated that he thought Karpis might be heading into Buffalo as the route along which they had proceeded to the point where the car was found, was a direct line from Atlantic City to Buffalo. I instructed Mr. Whitley to telephone Mr. MacFarland at Buffalo and give him this information.

Mr. Whitley stated that no information in regard to the finding of the car had been reported to the Philadelphia office by the Pennsylvania State Police up to the present time; that he had learned of the finding of the car through a newspaper report and that Agent Rice at Atlantic City had heard it from the teletype report there which had been sent to the Atlantic City police from the Pennsylvania State Police.

Time 4:55 PM

I telephoned and advised Mr. Whitley at Philadelphia to instruct Mr. Harvey, upon his arrival at Philadelphia, that it is your wish that he, Mr. Harvey, communicate with Major Adams, of the Pennsylvania State Police, and advise Major Adams of the fact that the car used by Karpis and Campbell had been found by members of the State Police, who had not notified the Division, and that Mr. Harvey should impress upon Major Adams that the Division is unable to understand why we were not notified in as much as the case is a Federal one and one in which the Division is actively engaged. I instructed Mr. Whitley to have Mr. Harvey telephone the Division after he had talked with Major Adams.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1935

Time - 5:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Chief Clerk ..
Mr. Coffey ..
Mr. Edwards ..
Mr. Egan ..
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Mr. Keith ..
Mr. Lester ..
Mr. Quinn ..
Mr. Schneider ..
Mr. Tamm ..
Mr. Tracy ..
Miss Gandy ..

Mr. Harold Nathan telephoned from Chicago and I gave him your instructions that he should proceed immediately to St. Paul and there lend his assistance in the returning of indictments against the Barker-Karpis gang. I told him of your desire to have those members of the gang indicted who are at the present time dead, also informing him of the feeling at St. Paul that the grand jury will not indict these persons because of their being dead. I also told him that we were going to submit the matter to the Department for their opinion.

Mr. Nathan stated that it was his understanding that he was not to talk to the press about this matter; that the matter is being handled by the Department. I told him that he was correct in this understanding. I also mentioned that Mr. Ladd should offer no comment when questioned by the press.

Mr. Nathan stated that he would leave on a train tonight for St. Paul and be there in the morning.

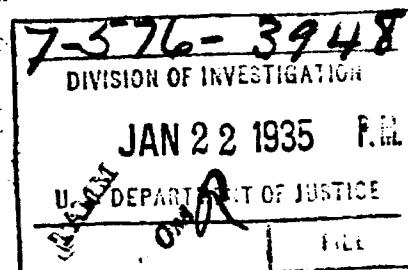
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:10 A.M.

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Mr. Baughman ..
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schneider
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I called Mr. Ladd in connection with the Bremer case, and requested advice as to further developments. He stated the morning papers are carrying the story about the hideout, with photographs and full details; that they must have gone out last night after Ladd left; that they quote some of the people living in the house as having identified Bremer's picture as the man who was out there on Saturday to look the place over.

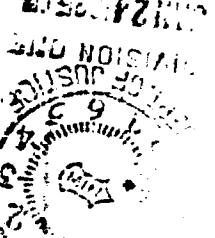
I requested advice as to whether photographs had been taken of Allerton and Farmer when they were in the office. He stated photographs had been taken but had not been sent in to the Division, and I requested that he forward them by special delivery, air mail.

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E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1935.

EAT:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 11:50 AM

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schmidt.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mrs. Gandy.....

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul and advised that he had just returned from a conference with the United States Attorney, who advised him that he had called Mr. Stanley yesterday regarding the indictment in the Bremer case and that as a result Mr. Stanley and the U.S. Attorney arrived at the opinion that the names of the dead persons, Fred and Kate Barker ^{should} should not be included in the indictment, but that they should be mentioned in the narrative of the indictment, showing specifically the parts they played. I advised Mr. Nathan that I would submit the above information for your consideration.

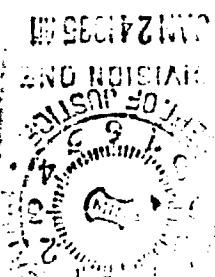
I also advised Mr. Nathan that a memorandum had been sent to Mr. Stanley recommending the hiring of the three deputy marshals in accordance with Mr. Nathan's request but that nothing had been heard in this regard. Mr. Nathan requested to be advised in the event Mr. Stanley issued these instructions so that he could advise the Marshal's office as they knew nothing of the matter.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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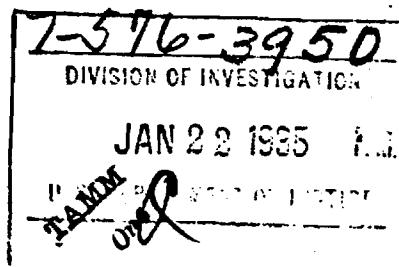
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REN:CSH

January 22, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

9:10 A.M.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman ..
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Candy
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Agent D. E. Hall of the Detroit Office telephoned from Cleveland, Ohio to advise that Agent Tripani had returned from Wadsworth, Ohio where he had interviewed Dr. H. H. Hunsicker, an intern physician attached to the Allentown State Hospital, Allentown, Pennsylvania, and who resides at 1625 Grace Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Hunsicker advised that at about 8 A.M., yesterday morning, while driving from Philadelphia to Allentown, he was stopped by two individuals whom he identifies as Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, as he was approaching Allentown. Campbell took the wheel of his car and Karpis got in the back seat with a machine gun and kept him covered. They then drove his car over back roads and finally reached Highway #224, near Guilford Center, Ohio, around 9:30 P.M. They took him into Grange Hall, a Masonic Lodge, bound him hand and foot, and departed in his car, and the doctor is of the impression that they proceeded west on Highway 224 toward Fort Wayne, Indiana and thence into Chicago. Dr. Hunsicker upon freeing himself telephoned the Sheriff at Medina, Ohio and advised him of the incident. Dr. Hunsicker described his car as a 1934 Plymouth coach, black with a thin green body stripe, bearing 1935 Pennsylvania license 39179. The motor number is TE-209213 and the body number 2378079. The car also bore a doctor's emblem and contained a Keystone clock and a doctor's kit.

Dr. Hunsicker stated that Campbell was wearing an overcoat and that Karpis had no overcoat nor suit coat, and that Karpis took the doctor's coat from him to wear. Neither Karpis nor Campbell appeared to be injured and they did not request medical attention.

Agent Hall can be reached either at the Cleveland Hotel or the Federal Building, Main 4140, Extension 58.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Washington, D. C.

CEK:RLM

January 21, 1935

Time-11:55P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR TALM^E

Mr. Waters called tonight with reference to the kidnaping of the doctor at Allentown by Karpis and Campbell and stated that he had a call in for Detroit and that the line was busy. I advised Mr. Waters that Mr. Connelley had already talked to Mr. Larson and supplied him with the information.

Mr. Waters stated that a black 1934 Plymouth coach with a green stripe around the body, Pennsylvania plates, 39179, motor number, PC16792, serial number, 1773859, was the car in which Karpis and Campbell drove to Medina, Ohio, in; that Dr. Horace Hunficker of Allentown, Pennsylvania, was held up yesterday and forced to drive to the vicinity of Medina, Ohio, on Route 224, where he was taken from the car and bound; that these men are reported to have a machine gun.

I advised Mr. Waters that the above information was just about the same as Mr. Connelley's except a partial identification of the two men.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf RLM
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January 21, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time 7:30 PM

I telephoned Mr. Larson at Detroit and advised him of the recovery of the car used by Karpis and Campbell near Quakerstown, and that it was very probable that these two subjects were making their way into Cleveland, Ohio, and that he, Mr. Larson, should make certain that his contacts at Cleveland and Toledo were properly covered. Mr. Larson advised that Agent Hall was in Cleveland covering these contacts but that he would send several more agents over there to assist Hall; that it has been ascertained that one of the contacts referred to by Monty Carter at Cleveland is one Jimmy Patton, who is at the Harvard Club and Agent Hall is presently engaged in covering this angle.

In regard to the Toledo contacts, Mr. Larson advised that the [REDACTED] is trying to contact Fitzgerald, but that he had apparently left the city for a few days; that it had been tried to find out from Monty Carter where Fitzgerald lived, but Carter disclaimed any knowledge of this, or of knowing Fitzgerald. It has been ascertained from the informant, [REDACTED] that Fitzgerald is limping quite a bit and has to use a cane in walking.

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Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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U. S. Department of Justice 10:30 A.M.

Washington, D. C.

January 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schrader.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

I called Mr. Ladd and asked if Alderton had talked yet. He replied that he had not; that they had had him up all night and were still talking to him; that he admits having lived at the house in Bensenville over the period of time in question. He was shown photographs taken of the interior of the house and he identifies it as his house. He stated that "Doc" and "Slim" came to the place early in January, through Fred Goetz; that they stayed there for nine days. He stated it was about the time of the Bremer case, but stated he did not know anything about the Bremer case and denies that Bremer was held there and denies any further activities other than that he had the boarders "Doc" and "Slim", who he thought were hiding out from the law. He claims Elmer Farmer never came to his house, but he knows him. I asked relative to his physical condition, inasmuch as he has been drawing compensation from the Veterans Administration. Mr. Ladd stated when he arrived last night he had been drinking, but he appears to be in good shape this morning. I advised the Director desired that a vigorous interview be had with Alderton. Mr. Ladd stated he had talked with Coulter late yesterday evening and he had stated that the United States Attorney had suggested that Bremer view the house at Bensenville before he goes before the Grand Jury on Monday. He advised Mr. Nathan would probably take this matter up with me this morning, from St. Paul. Mr. Ladd stated he could see no objection to this procedure. He stated he believed Agent Brennan should bring Bremer down, as he was the only one who got along with him. I advised #5 would be turned over to the Marshal today.

I advised that a letter had been sent out last night to Mr. Nathan at Chicago, which contained the ballistic specimens, desired for the County Coroner. I stated Mr. Ladd should open this.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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January 19, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:15 A.M.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Candy

⑦ Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul in connection with the Bremer case. Mr. Nathan stated he had just talked with Ladd, who advised that Allerton had made a statement implicating everybody, including Doc, and also accounting for the gasoline cans, and telling about them being there. Mr. Nathan stated that this makes the case pretty nearly "fool-proof". He stated he had suggested to Ladd that Farmer, Carter and Allerton should be brought to St. Paul on Sunday night, and we can hold them in the jail there, so that they will be available if the United States Attorney wants them as witnesses. I asked Nathan whether he thought they would disclose the identity of the witnesses before the Grand Jury, and he stated that, in view of the leaks in the community up there, he could not guarantee this. I asked that every effort be made to keep these witnesses confidential. Mr. Nathan stated he desired to emphasize the fact that we owe Monte Carter quite a bit, as he did come through with valuable information.

Mr. Nathan stated that the question had been raised as to who was going to pay for the three extra guards, working in eight hour shifts, who are watching Doc Barker, and that he had stated that, if no one else would pay for it, we would. Mr. Nathan stated that during the Urschel trial there were a number of extra guards, and at that time the Marshal was authorized to employ a number of special Deputy Marshals, paying them out of his fund, and Mr. Nathan stated he believed the Department should authorize the Marshal at St. Paul to employ three extra Deputy Marshals for the purpose of watching Doc Barker, and the Marshal can then employ the three men the Sheriff has already picked out. Mr. Nathan stated the Marshal is a fine fellow, but that no one can get along with the Chief Deputy Marshal.

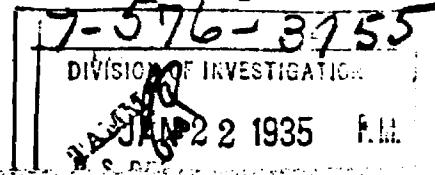
Mr. Nathan stated that Barker's bond had been set at \$100,000 yesterday, and that a subpoena had been telegraphically forwarded to the Coroner at Ocala, Florida, with regard to the money and the automobile. I advised that Alt has \$10,000 of this money. Mr. Nathan stated that he is to get a decision this morning as to who they are going to indict, and he will let me know as soon as he does, and that there was still a considerable feeling that it was unnecessary and illegal.

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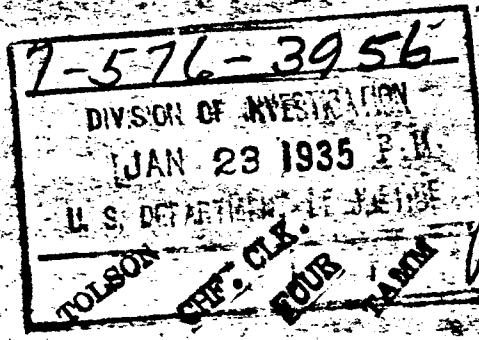
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1935.

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EAT:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 11:08 AM

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Agent Heffler telephoned and advised that information had been received that Harry Campbell was probably fatally wounded and that Karpis might attempt to contact a hospital in one of the larger cities.

I instructed Mr. Heffler to send out a squad of men to contact the Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey hospitals in an effort to see if Campbell had gone to one of them for treatment and to contact the New York City office and supply the above information to them and have them check the New York hospitals.

Respectfully,

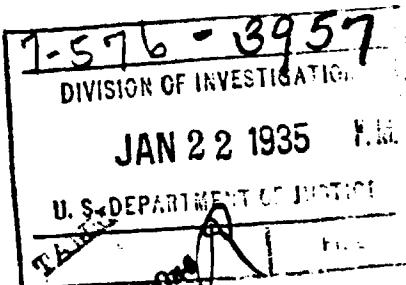
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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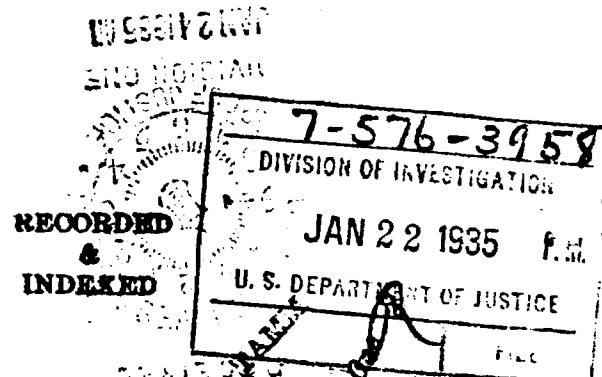
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Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

While talking with Mr. Ladd he advised, in connection with the Bremer case, that he is going to release the women tonight, but that he will call the police first and have them come up and talk with Clara Gibson in the presence of her attorney. I advised this would be all right.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1935

Time - 1:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnapping

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at St. Paul, and he stated that the indictments would be finished sometime this afternoon; that, however, he doubts that the indictments will be returned tomorrow; that they have some little delay on account of the judges out there; one of them has been out of town, and another is going to take his place.

I informed Mr. Nathan that in the event any inquiries are received from the press relative to the Bremer hideout, he should casually inform the inquiring parties that we had found it, but not to remember when the hideout was found. Mr. Nathan stated that it was his opinion that the fact that we have found the hideout should be formally announced from Chicago. His reason for this opinion is that the newspaper men in Chicago are not so favorably inclined toward the Division, and he believes that if the story is formally released there, it would tend to put them in a better frame of mind. I reminded Mr. Nathan of the instructions to the effect that all publicity is to emanate from the Department. Mr. Nathan stated that this being Sunday, the story could be given out, and the Department could be informed that due to the circumstances it was imperative that the story be broken immediately.

I told him that you had indicated that those three women in Chicago should be released tomorrow night; that the impression should be given to them that we are doing them a favor in turning them loose, and an attempt should be made to make informants out of them before they are released. With reference to Clara Gibson, Mr. Nathan stated that it was his opinion that her lawyer and the police should be notified before she is released, thus leaving us clear of any criticism from either parties.

Respectfully,

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Time 6:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Brennan

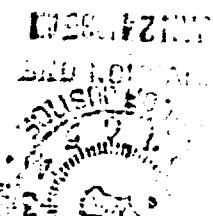
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. TracyMiss Gandy
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I talked to Agent Heffler in Philadelphia and he stated that the Agents have left with the two women for Philadelphia; that the doctor in Atlantic City is insistent that Dolores Delaney should be in a hospital. I stated that I had just talked to Mr. Harvey a few minutes ago and Mr. Harvey advised that he thought he could arrange to get a private ward in the prison. Mr. Heffler stated that he had just talked to the prison officials and they will not permit them to bring the woman there because they do not think it is right to have a child born in the prison. I advised Mr. Heffler that we would issue a complaint against her in the morning and then she would be a Federal prisoner. I advised Mr. Heffler to get in touch with Mr. Harvey and if it became necessary to get a private room in a hospital and a nurse, to go ahead and do it.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.



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EAT:CEK

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 8:00 PM

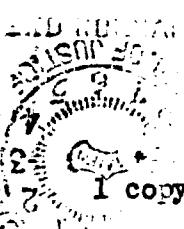
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Mr. Connelley telephoned from Philadelphia and advised that in going over the personal belongings of Delore Delaney, they had found two keys to a safety deposit box together with a contract for the rental of a safety deposit box, number 344, rented from the Havana, Cuba, branch of the National City Bank of New York, on September 22, 1934, in the name of E.N. Wagner. Mr. Connelley stated that it is entirely possible that the rest, or a portion, of the Bremer money is in that box, and that he believes that an effort should be made through the U.S. Attorney at Miami and the Ambassador to Cuba, to either get into the box, or tie it up so that no one else can get into it. It would probably not be wise to try to get into the box by merely taking the keys down and posing as the owner, because the contract states that the box can only be opened by the individual signing the contract in the presence of the bank official who signed the contract also. I instructed Mr. Connelley to telephone Mr. Alt at Jacksonville and have him get in touch with the U.S. Attorney and that I would have the Cuban section of the State Department here in Washington contacted the first thing in the morning, and have them cable the ambassador to Cuba to cooperate fully and to do everything he could. I also instructed Mr. Connelley to forward the keys by registered airmail to Mr. Hanson, at the Alcazar Hotel at Miami, Florida, in order that they might be available there.

Mr. Connelley requested authority to keep three of the agents from the New York office for tonight in order to cover some contacts in the Philadelphia district as well as to keep guard of the women as the Philadelphia office did not have enough available to adequately cover the situation. I advised Mr. Connelley that it would be alright to keep the men there tonight.

Mr. Connelley further advised that it was difficult to obtain much information from the Delaney woman due to her condition; that the Burdette woman was giving some information which tied in to a degree with the information already in possession of the Division.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

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January 21st, 1935

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR E. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1215
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1252,
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
Chicago File #7-82

I am transmitting herewith copies of the photographs of Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton, both of which Subjects have now been removed to St. Paul in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS *ord.*
Special Agent in Charge

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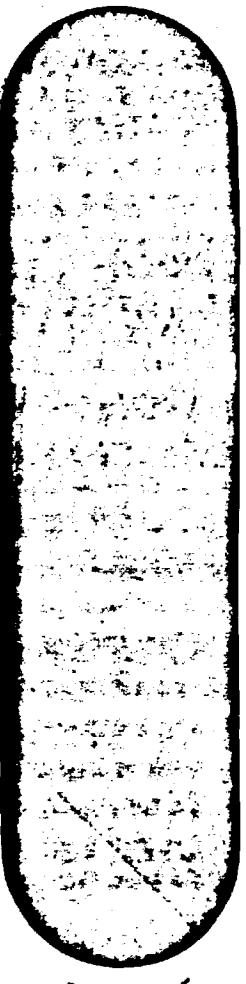
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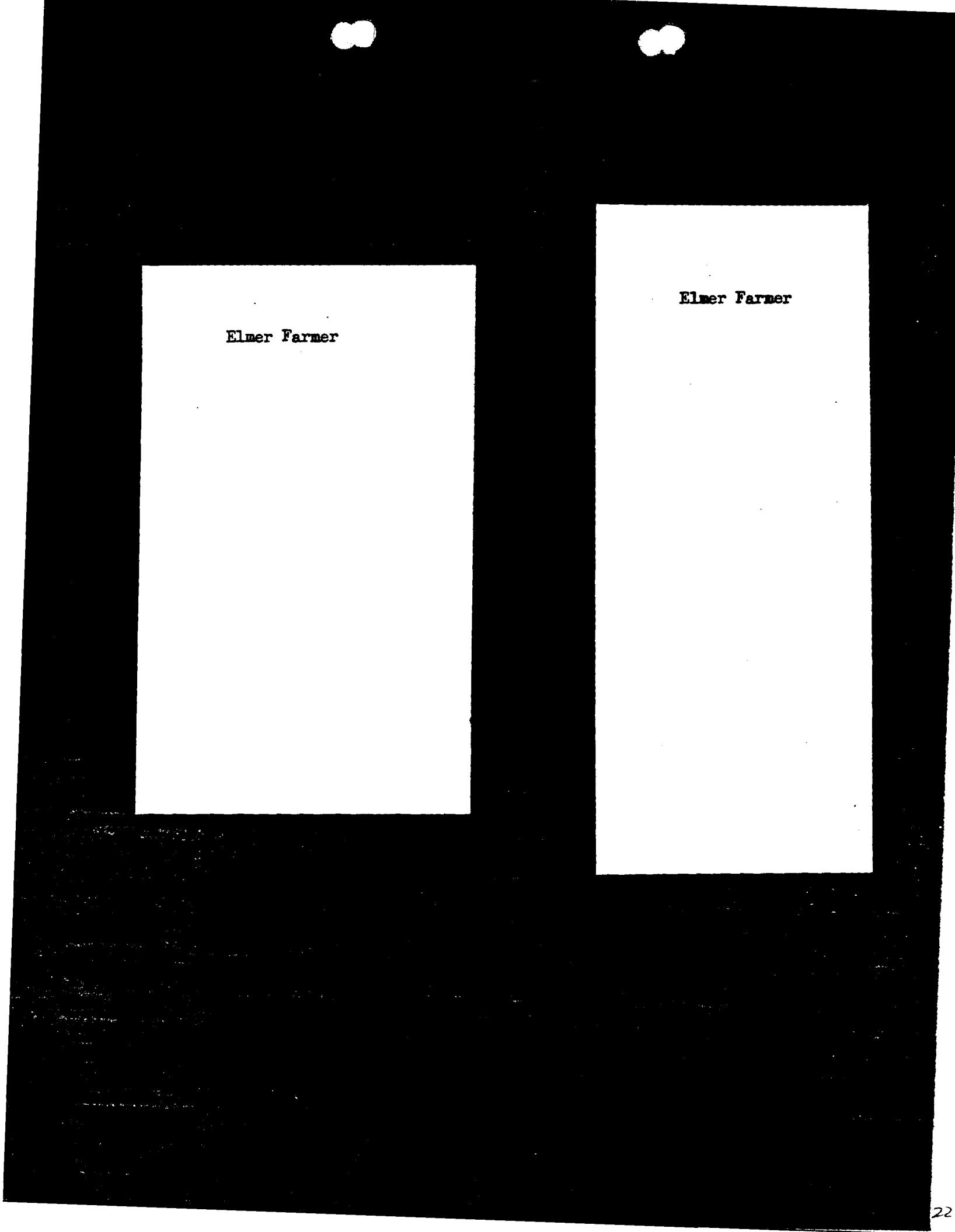
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DIRECTOR

EAT:TAM

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice 11:00 A.M.

Washington, D. C.

January 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan called from St. Paul and I advised #5 should be turned over to the Marshal. In connection with inquiries from the newspapers, I advised Mr. Nathan after consulting you that they should be advised the case is in the hands of the United States Attorney. I advised I had talked with Coulter this morning and that there is \$14,000 in Ocala taken from Fred and Kate Barker, which money the state authorities are very anxious to have. I advised I had told Mr. Coulter to have an order issued, impounding the money and the automobile, which order could be sent to the Marshal at Ocala in order that he could take the possessions into custody.

Mr. Nathan stated he believed Monte Carter, Farmer and Alderton should be sent by Monday - to St. Paul. In connection with having Bremer view the hide-out, Mr. Nathan stated he believed this should be done. I advised Agent Brennan should go down with him. Mr. Nathan stated he believed one Agent should be stationed at the hide-out - for publicity purposes. I advised it should be suggested to Ladd.

Respectfully,

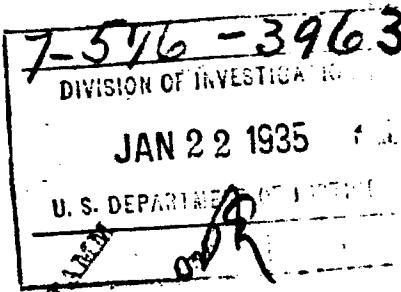
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:05 A.M.

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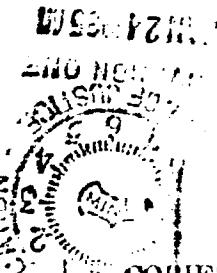
I called Mr. Waters at Pittsburgh in connection with the Bremer case, advising that we had received a wire from Oklahoma suggesting that we check Art Burdette, brother of Winona Burdette, at Erie, Pennsylvania, to see if Campbell and Karpis might have contacted him. He stated he would send Rubinstein up there right away to check on this.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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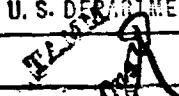


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Time-6:50A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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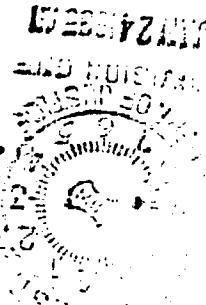
Mr. Alt called me this morning and stated that as a result of the broadcast by the Jacksonville Police Department for Alvin Karpis and Delores Delaney, they have just received the following telegram from James McMenamin, Chief of Police, Atlantic City, New Jersey, "Have located Buick sedan, Florida tags D-5306 covering to apprehend occupants. Wire details and charges. Will advise when apprehended."

Mr. Alt stated that he would contact Mr. Hanson and advise him of the above in order that he may change any plans contemplated. I advised Mr. Alt that I would contact the Philadelphia Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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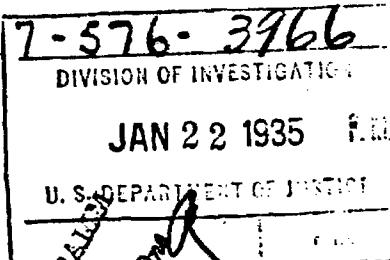
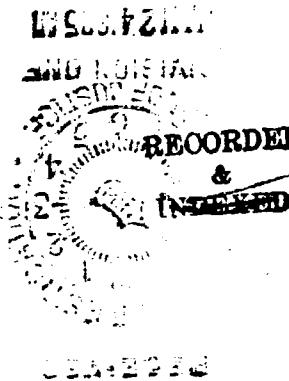
Mr. Connelley called from Ocala, Florida and stated two Assistant United States Attorneys from Jacksonville were there, but were not much good to him that they "don't know what it's all about", and suggested that arrangements be made to have the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Sullivan, issue an order, impounding the money and automobile found in the possession of Ma and Fred Barker, as evidence in the case; that the United States Attorney or the Attorney General call the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, and advise him of the substance of the order, in order that an order may be issued there authorizing the Marshal to take custody of the articles. Mr. Connelley stated that if the money isn't claimed it goes to the County; that the County "has the money already spent which they think they will get". The order will include \$4000 taken from Fred Barker's body and \$10000 taken from Kate Barker's body - the exact numbers being - \$4073 from Fred and \$10219 from Kate, and a 1934 Buick coupe.

Mr. Connelley stated he was taking a commercial photographer to the house within the next 30 minutes to take pictures of the outside of the house and the rooms; that if possible he will forward the pictures tonight.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:25 A.M.

I called Mr. Coulter in connection with the Bremer case and advised that, in order to save as much man power as possible, it was believed advisable to take steps to turn Doc Barker over to the Marshal, and requested that he make arrangements with the United States Attorney to have the warrant served on him on the old indictment and have him arraigned. Mr. Coulter stated this would be done right away. I stated that his bond should be made as high as possible, \$100,000 at least.

I advised Coulter that \$14,292 had been recovered from the bodies of Ma and Fred Barker and that under the Florida State Laws the Coroner confiscates this money, and that we desired the United States Attorney there to issue a writ or some order this morning impounding that money, which consists of \$4,073 and \$10,219 taken from the bodies of Fred and Ma Barker, respectively. In addition, they had in their possession a Buick 1934 coupe. I requested that the auto also be included in this order. Mr. Coulter asked the reason for this, so that he could tell the United States Attorney, in the event he inquires. I advised that this undoubtedly was procured through ransom money and the car was purchased with ransom money. I requested that he let me know when this order had been issued.

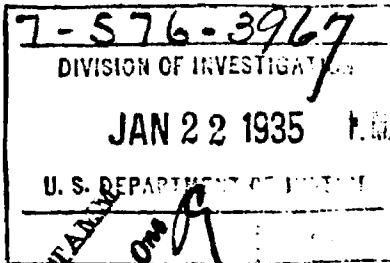
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

3:50 P.M.

While talking with Mr. Whitley, he advised in connection with the Bremer case that he had just heard a rumor, through a newspaper there, that they have found Karpis' car in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and that he is trying to check on this through the police out there. I requested that he try to do this as quickly as possible.

Whitley further advised that Connelley is at Philadelphia now and is out interviewing the girls.

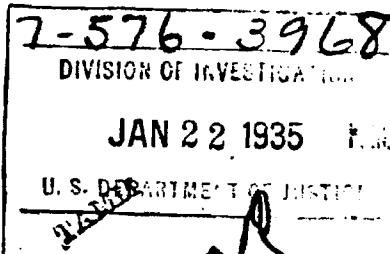
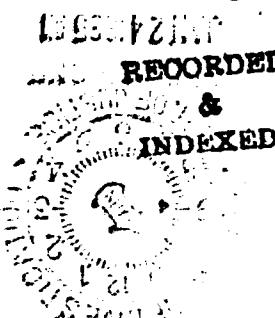
Whitley stated he had just received a call from Alt at Jacksonville, who advised that Brown is over at Havana and thinks he has found the source of the exchange of the Bremer kidnap money and that it probably cleared through the Cuban treasury. Whitley advised they had found a contract in the luggage of Delores Delaney, written in Spanish, with the National City Bank of New York; that it is rather a lengthy document, and that he, Whitley, had judged from a casual examination that it applied to a rental of some kind; that he is having it translated as fast as possible and that this may have some connection with the exchange business.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I called Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and advised Mr. Alt had just advised that the Marshal had just come in the office with a subpoena duces tecum to be served on Futch, the coroner in Marion County, Florida, demanding that he produce forthwith in St. Paul the Buick car and the \$14,000. I advised that the Marshal did not know "what it was all about"; that it was my understanding that these possessions could be turned over to a representative of this Division or the United States Marshal. Mr. Nathan stated the reason this was issued from St. Paul is that this was the only order known to them that could be issued; that the United States Attorney at St. Paul was merely doing what he thought we wanted him to do. He states that if the Marshal will take Alt's word for it, he can secure possession of the articles in question.

Respectfully,



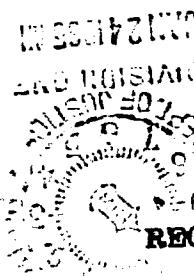
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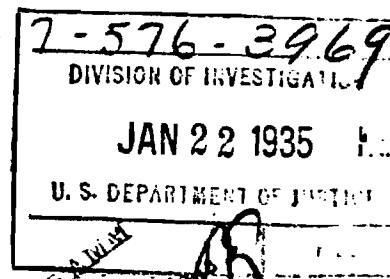
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Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Mr. Harvey called relative to the possibility of securing the Buick sedan which belonged to Karpis for the use of the Philadelphia Office. I stated he would have to get a court order to take the car to Philadelphia; that he could take it over there but could not use it until it was given to us, and suggested that he take it up with the United States Attorney at Trenton right away.

I requested advise as to whether the Pontiac sedan in which they escaped had shown up any place, and Mr. Harvey stated no information had been received relative to it. I requested that they cover Randall's brother in Newark, and he stated they are covering this angle.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

9:40 A.M.

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schrader
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Mr. Whitley called in connection with the Bremer case. He stated they secured a statement last night from Winona Burdette, that she talked rather willingly, and that they took the statement up from the time she rejoined Campbell last November out in Oklahoma; that copies had been sent to the Division by special delivery. He stated they have her out in Seery's apartment. Seery is out of town and they wanted to get her out of the office before the reporters started coming around; that they have two men out there watching her. He stated he had sent Miller out there last night to try to secure a statement from the other girl, but she is not inclined to talk, but they will keep on trying to secure a statement.

I stated a teletype had been received from Fay last night to the effect that Duke Randall is possibly now located in Philadelphia. I requested that they try to locate him, if possible and advised that he is a former orchestra leader and had a band at Atlantic City, is 5'10", weight 165, brown eyes, dark hair, dominant nose, and Jewish. I advised that he had been down in Florida and disappeared from there, and he is the man who sent Karpis and Campbell to the Danmoor Hotel. He stated they would try to get a line on him there and would keep me advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

9:20 A.M.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I called Mr. Hanson in connection with the Bremer case to ascertain whether they had located Duke Randall. He advised that they had not but are making further efforts to locate him this morning. He stated that Connelley had advised him that Randall had been the one who sent Karpis and Campbell to Atlantic City. At that time Hanson told Connelley that Randall was very close to Joe Adams, and that if we got Randall, Adams would know right away, and suggested that it might be advisable to wait until Connelley had talked with the girls and secured more information, and Connelley seemed to agree, but last night when they found that the Associated Press had information about Randall, they went right out and tried to locate him. I requested that they continue their efforts to locate Randall.

Mr. Hanson further advised that he had five men down there from Birmingham, besides himself, and that they had come down in two planes, and that he had kept the planes there thinking that they would possibly be going back soon, and requested advice relative to sending the planes back. Mr. Hanson stated it was costing approximately \$15 a day to keep the planes, and I requested that he keep them for another day or so, unless it is possible to charter planes there, in which event he could let them go back.

Mr. Hanson further stated that the Agents at Havana, Florida had told him they expected to come back last night, but they did not come. He stated while he was out Nichols received a call from Brown and he asked for information on what money Barker had and told Nichols he could not tell him about it over the telephone, so it looks like they have something over there and that is why they stayed over for the day.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 4:00 PM

Agent Heffler telephoned and advised that the Burdette woman had signed a waiver of removal and that the doctors had said that the Delaney woman was capable of being moved and the agents are now at the hospital to see if she will sign a waiver also. If the Delaney woman signs the waiver, a signed statement will be secured from the Doctor to the effect that she is capable of being moved.

Mr. Heffler stated that one Duke Randall, who is supposed to be a close friend of Karpis, sent a letter to the proprietor of a place in Atlantic City from Miami, Florida, and he suggested that someone contact him and vigorously question him as to his knowledge of where Karpis might head for. I instructed Mr. Heffler to telephone Mr. Connelley at Jacksonville and instruct him to do this.

Time 6:35 PM

Agent Heffler telephoned and stated that they had secured a waiver of removal from both of the women and the doctor had certified that the Delaney woman could be moved to Philadelphia, he, the doctor, accompanying her however. The women, together with a heavy guard of agents, left Atlantic City at 5:30 PM. The Burdette woman will be brought to the office, but the doctor thinks it would be advisable to take the Delaney woman to a hospital. Mr. Heffler stated that he had contacted the warden of the County Prison hospital, but that the warden had refused to accept the woman there as he was adverse to having an innocent child born within the prison walls.

I instructed Mr. Heffler to telephone Mr. Harvey and advise him of the above developments, and to try to arrange a place for the Delaney woman to stay, and, if need arises and no other arrangements can be made, it would be alright to hire a private room at a hospital to keep her in, as well as a private nurse to take care of her.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 10:40 A.M.

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Agent Heffler of the Philadelphia office telephoned and advised that the agents from the Philadelphia office had just arrived in Atlantic City and conducted a brief survey of the situation. It appears that during the course of the gun battle, Delores Delaney was shot in the leg; that she is at present in the Atlantic City hospital, her child not having been born, as yet. The Burdett woman is in the Atlantic City jail at present. The police believe that Campbell was shot during the battle and is possibly fatally wounded and they advised that there were only two individuals, Karpis and Campbell, concerned in the shooting. These subjects had registered at the Hotel Danmore, 123 South Kentucky Ave., under the names of Camerson and Carson.

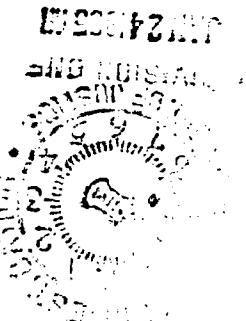
The agents are at present occupied in searching the baggage, hotel room and the car; and have found a gun in the latter. I instructed Mr. Heffler to be certain that the women are closely guarded; that the hotel room and baggage are carefully searched to see if they contain any of the Bremer ransom money. I advised Mr. Heffler that Agent Fierstone was on his way with a squad of agents from the New York City office and when he arrives he should take charge of the situation at Atlantic City; that the Burdett woman should be taken into the New York office at the earliest possible moment and that precautions should be taken to see that the car is properly guarded.

Respectfully,

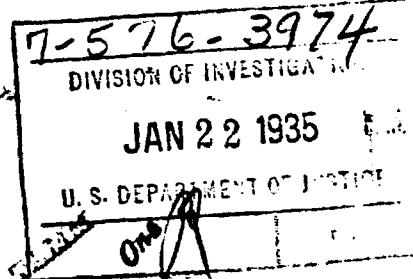
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I telephoned Mr. Hanson in Florida and informed him that since the capture of the two women at Atlantic City, the necessity for further checking of maternity hospitals in that section of the country is unnecessary. Mr. Hanson stated that he has already had investigations along this line stopped.

Mr. Hanson stated that he has six men with him down there, three of whom are in Cuba. He stated that he expects two of the men back from Cuba today, and the other will return possibly tomorrow. He stated that their action in Cuba is centered on developing information relative to Willie Harrison and possibly ~~W. Weaver~~.

Mr. Hanson stated that he had talked with Mr. Connelley about the situation down there, and Mr. Connelley told him to proceed rather cautiously at this time; that he is questioning the maid in the house to ascertain just how many and who of the gang visited this house. He stated that they are also following other leads on the beaches and saloons in order to develop further information.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:30 A.M.

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Mr. Ladd called in connection with the Bremer case. He stated that they had gotten a statement from Allerton, who advised that in the latter part of December Fred Goetz and Elmer Farmer approached him and asked him if he would like to "plant" a couple of boys in his place for a few days and he agreed to, thinking they were going to hide somebody out, and that about the middle of January they came up one night in a Buick and said they were there to take the place; that Allerton went up to the garage to open it and they went on in the house; that he later came back to the house, but claims he did not know until the following morning that it was Bremer they had in there. He identifies Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Fred Goetz, Fred Barker, a partial identification on William Weaver and Harry Campbell. He advised that at least on one occasion Monte Carter came into the place. He advised that Bremer was injured on the head and he bought gauze for them on different occasions to bandage his head. He also bought groceries for them. He said they joked about Bremer thinking he was in a basement, Bremer having made that remark when they took him out of the car and he stepped over the curb and down a couple of concrete blocks. They talked very loudly during the time they held Bremer, but Allerton does not remember the exact conversations, but they were of a nature which would intimidate him. They brought two machine guns there and the men carried automatic revolvers. He says that the gas cans found on the road were gotten by him from Elmer Farmer and they were alcohol cans and that he, himself, purchased gas and Karpis put the gas cans in the Buick when they left the place with Bremer. These cans were shown to him and he identifies them as the same general kind. When they left they gave him \$100 and said they would send him more later, and at a later date Farmer gave him \$380, saying that they had left \$400 for him, but he had taken \$20 out which Allerton owed Farmer. In March, Farmer gave him another \$500 and told him that was the balance of the money coming to him. Mr. Ladd stated that the above is the substance of his statement and that they have a waiver from him.

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Mr. Ladd pointed out that he had not implicated Volney Davis at all. Mr. Ladd stated he had just received a call from Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and that Bremer will be there any minute now. Ladd stated he is going out to the hide-out with Bremer.

I stated that I thought Farmer, Carter and Allerton should be taken to St. Paul tomorrow night, and he agreed with me on this. I told him to hold the women a few days more until Connally had finished in Florida.

Mr. Ladd stated he would call the Division as soon as he returned from the hide-out with Bremer.

I asked Ladd why he had not advised the Division that Allerton had made a statement before St. Paul advised us. He stated that the statement was secured at about 2 o'clock in the morning, and that he was going to call as soon as he got to the office. Ladd stated that he came in the office to call the Division this morning and Mr. Nathan was on the wire and he talked with him, and as soon as he hung up he put in a call for Washington.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

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January 18, 1935

Time - 8:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Alt telephoned from the Jacksonville Office and stated that this morning Sheriff Ramsey at Gainesville, Florida told him that the Sheriff had a matter that might merit consideration by the Division. A Negro by the name of Alec Trapp was making inquiry at Gainesville at a hardware store for 1000 rounds of 30.30 ammunition, and told the Sheriff that some man from Marion county had sent him into Gainesville to see if he could get this ammunition; that this man agreed to pay cash for it, and told the Negro that he would pay him \$100 for his services. Mr. Alt immediately upon the receipt of this information, got in touch with Mr. Connelley, but Mr. Connelley was already in possession of the information.

Mr. Connelley interviewed Alec Trapp, who stated that he met a man and a woman yesterday in a Chrysler Roadster, 1933 model, blue-black in color. The man is described as follows: Age - 32-33; weight - 175 pounds; height - 5 feet 11 inches; hair - brown. The woman is: Age - 29-30; weight - 135 pounds, height - about 5 feet; hair - blond, bobbed, very curly. They met this Negro at the P. and J. Railroad tracks in Gainesville and asked him if he was working. When the Negro replied in the negative, they told him that they would give him something to do. The plans were completed, and it was arranged that the Negro should meet the parties at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Connelley made a plant at the designated spot, but the parties failed to show up. Mr. Connelley questioned the Negro further, and believes that there is nothing to his story, it being first told that he was getting the ammunition for some Negroes in Georgia; however, Mr. Connelley believes it should be followed up, and is taking steps in that direction.

Mr. Connelley requested Mr. Alt to transmit the above information to the Division so that the Division might be advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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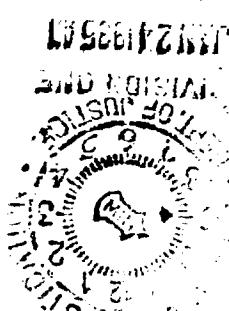
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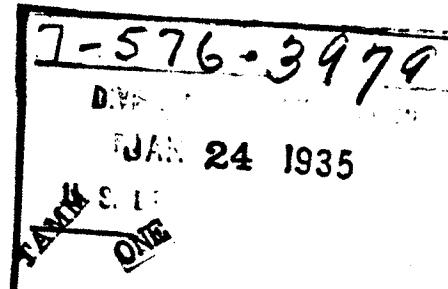
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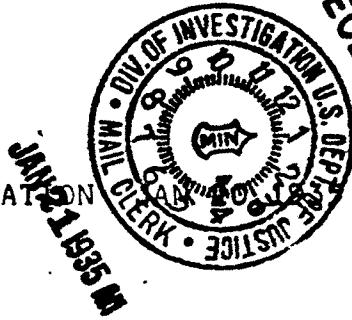


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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

January 25, 1935.

Mr. E. J. O'Conorley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 529,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O./1218;
ARTHUR H. BREWER, with aliases, I.O./1219;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O./1220;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim.
KIDNAPED.

St. Paul File No. 7-56

On January 22, 1935, a Mr. J. H. KUSKEN, who resides at 3324 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone, Regent 1718, called at the St. Paul Division Office. Mr. Kusken claims that he was with "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN when the latter was arrested in Chicago. He states that this took place in the basement of ROLAND AND FRAZIER'S RESTAURANT, near State and Lake Streets in Chicago. His reason for being at this point, at that time, was that he was negotiating a sale of approximately 150 slot machines to McLAUGHLIN and had been so engaged for about ten days prior to the arrest. He is not certain as to the exact date of the arrest but his nearest recollection was that it occurred during August, 1933, and he states that he had about six meetings with McLAUGHLIN prior thereto. He states that McLAUGHLIN had an assistant whom he knew by the name of "MACK", who, Mr. Kusken believes, was engaged in exchanging "hot" money. Mr. Kusken has no evidence that this "MACK" was so engaged but was led to this belief from seeing "MACK" on five or six occasions meet with "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN in the bar room and gambling room under the bowling alley in FRAZIER'S RESTAURANT and on each occasion Kusken claims McLAUGHLIN would take "MACK" into the men's washroom, or behind the bar, where they would talk together privately for fifteen or twenty minutes, after which, "MACK" usually would leave McLAUGHLIN hurriedly with a black brief case in his, (MACK'S), hand.

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Kusken states that he was at this "MACK'S" home four or five times and that it was in the vicinity of 53rd and Clark Street in an apartment; however, he cannot give the address although he claims he would be able to take anyone to this place. He says he met "MACK" and McLAUGHLIN together and that "MACK" was apparently handling slot machines for McLAUGHLIN, who was a "fixer" of the Chicago Police to let slot machines run in the Chicago Loop.

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Stackhouse describes "MACK" as being about 200 pounds or more in weight, white, evidently a native of the United States, about 5'10" in height, 35 to 40 years of age, of heavy build, having dark brown hair, blue eyes, being a good talker, sloppy dresser, and claimed to have been a former Federal communist.

At the time Mr. Kneehan was in the St. Paul Division Office, Special Agent McIntire of the Chicago Division Office was present and stated that McLAUGHLIN was arrested at his home rather than at the State and Lake Street Restaurant; that the arrest took place in April, 1934, rather than in August, 1933; and that, therefore, there probably was no connection between the BREWER case and whatever information Mr. Kneehan may have.

The above is being forwarded to you merely to keep you fully advised as to all developments in this territory.

Very truly yours,

D.M.LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 2:00 PM

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Mr. Ladd telephoned and stated that he was keeping one agent at the hideout and inquired as to how long an agent should be kept there. I stated that one agent should be kept there for several days because of the fact that when the indictment is returned there will be quite a bit of publicity and that, of course, the newspaper photographers will swarm out there and it will be necessary to have a man there to handle the matter; that the agent stationed there should identify himself as an agent of the Division but should not pose for any photographs or give out any statements.

Mr. Ladd advised that he had pictures of the exterior of the hideout taken today and that he would have these forwarded to the Division. Pictures of the interior were forwarded yesterday to the Division according to Mr. Ladd together with a photostatic plan of the rooms.

I stated that I would submit for your consideration the advisability of having the newspapers photograph the interior of the rooms.

As to the publicity, Mr. Ladd stated that so far there had been none although it was possible that some might emanate from some of the neighbors who saw them go into the hideout today with Bremer, but that the occupants of the first floor of the house do not know anything about the matter. The second floor occupants have promised to remain silent, they having learned the purpose of the visits, in some manner or other.

I stated that I would submit also for your consideration the advisability of a simultaneous release of the information regarding the case when the release is given out here in Washington; that is to have the information released by Mr. Ladd at Chicago at the same time it is given out here.

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Respectfully,

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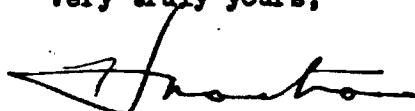
Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: St. Paul file No. 7-50.

There are attached hereto copy of the two
~~indictments~~ returned by the Grand Jury on January 22,
1935, in the case of the United States versus ALVIN
KARPIS, with aliases, et al. This includes both the
substantive and the conspiracy charges.

Very truly yours,


H. NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

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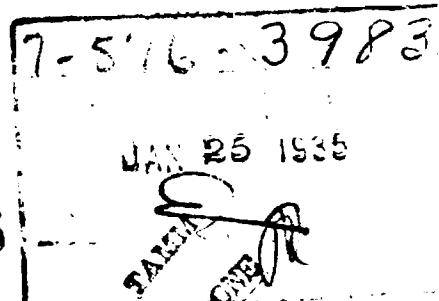
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

THIRD DIVISION

At and during a stated term of the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, held at the City of Saint Paul, within and for the District and Division aforesaid, beginning on the first Tuesday in November, A.D. 1934 and thereafter continuing to and until the first Tuesday in April, A.D. 1935, by a duly empaneled, charged and sworn Grand Jury of the United States within and for the District and Division aforesaid, it is presented in manner and form following, that is to say:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA) ss.
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THIRD DIVISION)

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America within and for above District and Division, in the name and by the authority of the said United States of America, upon their oaths present that heretofore, to-wit: Between December 1, A.D. 1933, or thereabouts, and May 1, A.D. 1934, or thereabouts, the Grand Jurors being unable to fix the period of time more definitely, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, and elsewhere in said State and District of Minnesota at places therein unknown to the Grand Jurors, and at the town or city of Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, in the Northern District of Illinois, and elsewhere in said State and Northern District of Illinois at places therein unknown to the Grand Jurors, and at various and divers places unknown to the Grand Jurors other than those mentioned heretofore, located in States other than the respective States of Minnesota and Illinois -

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One Alvin Karpaviccz, alias Alvin Karpis, and
One Arthur H. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, and
One Volney Davis, alias "Curley", alias "Cotton", and
One Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", and
One Elmer Farmer, and
One Harold Alderton, alias Harold Allerton, and
One William Weaver, alias "Bill" Scott, alias Phoenix Donald, alias Charles W. Lucas, and
One Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Sandlovich, and
One William J. Harrison, alias "Willie", alias Elmer Howe, and
One Oliver A. Berg, alias Ollie Berg, Alias "Izzy", alias "Jones" and
One Joseph Patrick Moran, alias Doctor Joseph P. Moran, and
One John Joseph McLaughlin, Senior, alias "Boss" McLaughlin, and
One William Edward Vidler, alias "Williams", and
One Philip J. Delaney, and
One "Whitie", whose true name is unknown to the Grand Jurors, whose approximate personal description is as follows: 25 or 26 years of age; looks young; height five feet ten inches; weight 170 or 180 lbs.; slender build; light blonde with abundant wavy hair; blue eyes; even teeth; Lithuanian extraction, and
One Byron Bolton, alias Bryon Bolton, alias Owen D. Carter, alias Owen Bernard Carter, alias Monty Carter, and
One James J. Wilson, alias "Jimmy" Wilson, alias James Jackson, alias Doctor Jim Wilson, alias E. J. Powell, and
One Jess Doyle, and
One Edna Murray, alias "Rabbit", and
One Myrtle Eaton, alias "Mert", and
One John Doe, whose true name is unknown to the Grand Jurors, whose approximate personal description is as follows: 30-35 years of age; height five feet eight or nine inches; weight 175 lbs; dark brown hair; large eyes; round face; sturdy build, and
One Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown to the Grand Jurors, whose approximate personal description is as follows: 30 years of age; height five feet six or seven inches; weight 135-140 lbs.; dark brown hair; thin face; slender build

then and there being all of the foregoing persons being defendants herein and hereinafter being referred to individually and/or collectively as "defendants", unlawfully did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together and with each other and with various and divers other persons then and there being whose names and personal descriptions are unknown to the Grand Jurors and with the following late decedents, namely -

One Kate Barker, alias "Ma" Barker, and

One Fred Barker, alias "Shorty" Barker, and

One Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray Evans, alias "Slim", alias "Smith", and

One George Zeigler, alias Fred C. Goetz.

all four of whom were living beings during the period of time herebefore alleged, and all four of whom during said period of time unlawfully did associate, combine, confederate and agree with the defendants aforesaid in the felonious conspiracy herein alleged and described -

to commit an offense against the United States, that is to say, that at the place aforesaid during the period of time aforesaid, defendants aforesaid and the other persons, unknown as aforesaid and the late decedents aforesaid unlawfully did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together and with each other to violate the provisions of that certain Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, "forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped, or otherwise unlawfully detained" (Chap. 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U. S. C. 408a), in this, to-wit: That defendants aforesaid and the other persons unknown as aforesaid and the late decedents aforesaid, all of whom hereinafter are referred to as "THEY", unlawfully did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other-

That at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District aforesaid, they unlawfully would intercept, seize, kidnap, abduct and confine in their custody that certain person, namely, one Edward George Bremer, then and there being, hereinafter referred to as "their victim";

That prior to intercepting, seizing, kidnaping, abducting and confining their victim unlawfully in their custody as aforesaid, they would select and arrange for

a "hideout" or safe retreat outside of the State and District of Minnesota, which they would retire after intercepting, seizing, kidnaping and abducting victim unlawfully as aforesaid, and at which they would conceal and continue to confine and hold their victim clandestinely pending payment and delivery of ransom moneys to them:

'That in effecting the unlawful seizure, detention and confinement of their victim as aforesaid, they would have several automobiles under their control at and in the vicinity of the place in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid where their victim unlawfully was to be intercepted, seized and kidnaped as aforesaid, and that after having unlawfully intercepted, seized and kidnaped their victim as aforesaid, they would blindfold, conceal, detain and confine their victim temporarily, for the purpose of his abduction and interstate transportation, in one of said automobiles so under their control as aforesaid:

That after so blindfolding, concealing, detaining and confining their victim in said automobile as aforesaid, they knowingly and unlawfully would abduct, carry away and transport their victim in interstate commerce, to-wit: from the place of the interception, seizure and kidnaping of their victim in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, in the County, State and District aforesaid, by a route to be selected by them (said route being unknown to the Grand Jurors) to and into the State of Illinois and to a point or place in the State of Illinois known as and called Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in said State of Illinois, where a "hideout" or safe retreat had been selected and arranged as aforesaid, at which to further confine and detain their victim secretly and unlawfully for ransom:

That after having intercepted, seized, kidnaped, detained, transported and confined their victim as aforesaid, they would hold their victim for and demand ransom in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for his safe release from their unlawful confinement and custody:

That after they had intercepted, seized, kidnaped, confined and concealed

their victim as aforesaid, they would communicate by means of notes and letters with certain friends and relatives of their victim and more particularly with one Walter Magee, addressed as Chas. Magee, and with one Adolph Bremer, the father of their victim, and by such means and in such manner advise such friends and relatives of the seizure and kidnaping of their victim, convey instructions with reference to and arrange for the payment and delivery of the ransom moneys in consideration of which their victim would be released from their confinement and custody and allowed to return to his home and family:

That they would not release their victim from their confinement and custody until such time as the ransom moneys, to be demanded by them as aforesaid, actually had been paid and delivered to them in the manner, by the means and under the conditions to be prescribed by them:

That after having collected the ransom moneys aforesaid in consideration of the release of their victim, they would blindfold and return their victim secretly by automobile to the State of Minnesota from their "hideout" or retreat aforesaid in the State of Illinois, to the end that it thus would be made to appear that their victim had not been transported in interstate commerce and that United States law enforcement officials would be frustated and circumvented in the apprehension and prosecution of defendants and other persons associated with them as aforesaid:

That after having collected the ransom moneys aforesaid and in order to avoid discovery, apprehension and arrest in connection therewith, they would convert said ransom moneys at the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and at other places unknown to the Grand Jurors, into, and change, exchange and dispose of the same for, other moneys, currency, obligations and securities which they would be able to negotiate and pass readily and with safety to themselves in the regular and ordinary channels of trade, commerce and business,

and that to accomplish the conversion, disposition and exchange of the ransom moneys as aforesaid, they would aid, abet, assist and counsel one another in that connection and to that end.

And to effect the object of the unlawful conspiracy aforesaid, the defendants and other persons hereinbefore and hereinafter named and mentioned did and performed the following overt acts toward carrying out said unlawful conspiracy:

OVERT ACT NUMBER ONE

That a short time prior to Christmas in the year A. D. 1933, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jurors, at Bensenville, in the County of Du Page, in the State of Illinois, defendant Elmer Farmer, and one Fred Barker, alias "Shorty", and one George Zeigler, alias Fred C. Goetz, both of the latter being referred to hereinbefore as late decedents, conferred together relative to the selection of an arrangement for a "hideout" or safe retreat to which Edward George Bremer, hereinbefore referred to as victim, might be transported and there concealed, detained and held for ransom.

OVERT ACT NUMBER TWO

That on the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1934, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, and defendant Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", together with a person who is unknown to the Grand Jurors, did go to a point at or near the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, in the County, State and District aforesaid, and await the appearance at said place of the said Edward George Bremer, victim as aforesaid.

OVERT ACT NUMBER THREE

That at the time and place mentioned in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey,

in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants above named in said Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, did intercept, seize, blindfold and confine in their custody the said Edward George Bremer, victim as aforesaid, said defendants then and there also seizing said victim's automobile.

OVERT ACT NUMBER FOUR

That on the day and from the place, to-wit: the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, mentioned in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants named in said Overt Act Number Two, after having intercepted, seized and blindfolded the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, did transport him in his automobile to a point near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County, State and District aforesaid.

OVERT ACT NUMBER FIVE

That on the day mentioned in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, at or near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants named in said Overt Act Number Two, and divers other persons unknown to the Grand Jurors, did transfer forcibly the said Edward George Bremer, victim as aforesaid, from his automobile to another automobile then and there under the control of defendants and the other unknown persons mentioned, a more particular description of said latter automobile being unknown to the Grand Jurors.

OVERT ACT NUMBER SIX

That on January 17, A. D. 1934, the defendants named in said Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, and several other persons unknown to the Grand Jurors, knowingly and unlawfully did transport the said Edward George Bremer,

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the victim aforesaid, in interstate commerce, to-wit: from a point at or near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road, in the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, by and in an automobile under their control, to the town or city of Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois.

OVERT ACT NUMBER SEVEN

That on January 17, A. D. 1934, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendants named in Overt Act Number Two, to which reference hereby is made, and several other persons unknown to the Grand Jurors, did cause and compel the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, to sign a certain note or letter addressed to one Walter Magee as Chas. Magee, containing directions and instructions relating to proposed negotiations between defendants and the contributors of ransom moneys and regarding the payment of ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00 therein demanded by defendants for the release of their victim aforesaid.

OVERT ACT NUMBER EIGHT

That from January, 17, A.D. 1934, to February 7, A. D. 1934, at Bensenville, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, defendant Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, and defendant Harry Campbell, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", and defendant Harold Alderton, alias Harold Allerton, and defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, and defendants John Doe and Richard Roe, whose true names are unknown to the Grand Jurors, but whose approximate personal descriptions are above set forth in the body of this indictment, to which descriptions reference hereby is made, and one Fred Barker, alias "Shorty", and one George Zeigler, alias Fred C. Goetz, both of the latter being referred to hereinbefore as late decedents, did conceal, detain and hold the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, for ransom.

OVERT ACT NUMBER NINE.

That on or about January 27th, A. D. 1934, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, did purchase and procure a number of flashlights and accessories therefor.

OVERT ACT NUMBER TEN.

That on or about February sixth, A. D. 1934, at a point approximately five miles beyond Zumbrota, in the County of Goodhue, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis, did place a number of flashlights at the side of a gravelled road to designate the approximate point at which the ransom moneys, demanded by defendants as aforesaid for the release of the said Edward George Bremer, the victim aforesaid, should be delivered.

Contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the Peace and Dignity of the United States.

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN.
United States Attorney for the
District of Minnesota.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

THIRD DIVISION

At and during a stated term of the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, held at the City of Saint Paul, within and for the District and Division aforesaid, beginning on the first Tuesday in November, A. D. 1934 and thereafter continuing to and until the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1935, by a duly empaneled, charged and sworn Grand Jury of the United States within and for the District and Division aforesaid, it is presented in the manner and form following, that is to say:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA } ss.
THIRD DIVISION }

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America within and for said District and Division in the name and by the authority of the said United States of America, upon their oaths present: That heretofore, to-wit: On the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1934 - One ALVIN KARPAVICZ, alias Alvin Karpis, and One ARTHUR R. BARKER, alias "Doc" Barker, and One VOLNEY DAVIS, alias "Curley", alias "Cotton", and One HARRY CAMPBELL, alias George Winfield, alias "Dave", and One ELMER FARMER, and One HAROLD ALDERTON, alias Harold Allerton, and One WILLIAM WEAVER, alias "Bill" Scott, alias Phoenix Donald, alias Charles W. Lucas, and One HARRY SAWYER, alias Harry Sandlovich, and One WILLIAM J. HARRISON, alias "Willie", alias Elmer Howe, and One BYRON BOLTON, alias Bryon Bolton, alias Owen D. Carter, alias Owen Bernard Carter, alias Monty Carter, and

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One JOHN DOE, whose true name is unknown to the Grand Jurors, whose approximate personal description is as follows: 50 - 55 years of age; height five feet nine inches; weight 175 lbs.; dark brown hair; large eyes; round face; sturdy build, and

One RICHARD BOE, whose true name is unknown to the Grand Jurors, whose approximate personal description is as follows: 30 years of age; height five feet six or seven inches; weight 135 - 140 lbs.; dark brown hair; thin face; slender build, and
then and there being, hereinafter referred to as "defendants", together with the following late decedents, namely, one Fred Barker, alias "Shorty Barker" and one George Zeigler, alias Fred C. Goetz, who were living beings at the time mentioned herein, then and there knowingly, unlawfully, and in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932 (Chap. 571, 47 Stat. 526, 18 U. S. C. 408a) "forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped, or otherwise unlawfully detained", did transport and cause to be transported by automobile (a more particular description of said automobile being unknown to the Grand Jurors) in interstate commerce, to-wit: from the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State and District of Minnesota, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, to and into the State of Illinois, to a point in said State of Illinois known as and called Bensenville, in the County of Du Page, in the State of Illinois aforesaid, (the route taken by defendants aforesaid in effecting the interstate transportation aforesaid being unknown to the Grand Jurors) that certain person, then and there being, namely, one Edward George Bremer, a resident of the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, herein-after referred to as "victim", said victim upon the date aforesaid, in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, in the County, State and District aforesaid, and shortly prior to the commencement of the interstate transportation aforesaid, having been seized and kidnaped forcibly and unlawfully at or near the intersection of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, in the County, State and District aforesaid, said victim thereafter having been blindfolded and unlawfully confined, concealed and transported in his, victim's, automobile

thence to a point at or near Number 1910 Edgecombe Road in the City of Saint Paul aforesaid, in the County, State and District aforesaid, where he, the victim aforesaid, forcibly was transferred to and placed in an automobile, heretofore mentioned, then and there in the custody and under the control of defendants, said victim thereupon unlawfully having been confined, abducted, carried away and transported thence in interstate commerce as aforesaid in the latter automobile then and there in the custody and under the control of defendants as afore- said, and held for ransom in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000. 00), defendants, and each of them, at all the times and on all the occasions mentioned herein and at the time of the commencement of the interstate transportation of victim as aforesaid and throughout the course of the interstate transportation of victim as aforesaid, then and there well knowing that said victim had been seized, kidnaped, abducted and carried away unlawfully as aforesaid and that said victim then and there was to be and was being held for ransom as aforesaid, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

United States Attorney for the District
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January 23, 1935

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases--I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases--I. O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim;
KIDNAPING

There is being enclosed a list of men's and women's
wearing apparel, et cetera, which were taken from the house on
Lake Weir near Oklawaha, Florida, by Division Agents after Kate
and Fred Barker were killed on January 16, 1935. The items
enumerated in this list are packed in two wooden boxes and are
presently stored in the Jacksonville office. The list was pre-
pared by Special Agents J. C. White and C. B. Winstead, who
packed the articles in the aforementioned boxes.

It will be appreciated if the Division will advise
as soon as possible what disposition is to be made of these
articles.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E.J. Connelley
St. Paul
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1 Brown top coat (man's)
1 Light brown overcoat - purchased - Frank Ray, Miami, Florida
1 Dark brown overcoat - no marks on same
2 Pairs black men's lace boots
1 Pair black lady's riding boots
2 Pairs tan lady's lace boots
3 Full suits of men's clothes
11 Pairs men's trousers (assorted)
1 Pair blue overalls
2 Blue sport coats (men's)
1 Pair lady's riding breeches
1 Lady's black coat
17 Pairs of lady's shoes
4 Pairs of men's shoes - low - assorted
1 Pair of men's house slippers
1 Grey and one blue lounging robe (men)
1 Lady's red sport jacket
1 Lady's grey coat suit
2 Men's suede jackets
1 Lady's brown dress
1 Lady's black crepe dress
1 Lady's blue and white jacket
1 Lady's black coat (long)
1 Lady's white wool skirt
1 Lady's house dress
1 Lady's black wool skirt
1 Lady's brown jacket
1 Lady's caracul cape
1 White silk dress
1 Pink silk dress
46 Pieces of lady's underwear
1 Blue skirt
1 Blue waist
1 White waist
1 Black dress
1 Lady's knitted wool dress
1 Lady's black silk dress
1 Lady's bathing suit and rubber cap
1 Blue and white lady's dress
1 Lady's knitted white waist
1 Man's gray cap
1 Panama hat full of bullet holes
10 Lady's hats
1 Lady's slip over sweater
1 Linen table cloth
2 Lady's house dresses
7 Pairs lady's silk stockings
3 Men's vests
1 Man's coat

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1 Lady's silk dress (red)
1 Lady's silk kimono
1 Lady's white silk dress
1 Lady's velvet dress
1 Lady's pink silk dress
5 Pairs lady's kid gloves
2 Lady's silk waists
1 Black and white silk dress
1 Lady's fur coat with white collar and cuffs
2 Men's belts
1 Man's grey hat, black band - full bullet holes
1 Lady's blue parasol
3 Pairs suspenders
1 Lady's black velvet dress
1 White cotton dress
1 White silk dress
Assorted lady's cloth belts
12 Neckties
1 Man's silk shirt full of bullet holes
22 Men's cotton shirts
21 Men's handkerchiefs
18 Lady's handkerchiefs
1 Quart Thermos bottle

1934 Tennessee license number 309 881

All the above listed clothing, etc., is left in the Jacksonville Office
in two wooden boxes.

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Jacksonville, Florida
January 22, 1935.

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January 31, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I. O. #1232, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim,
Kidnaping.

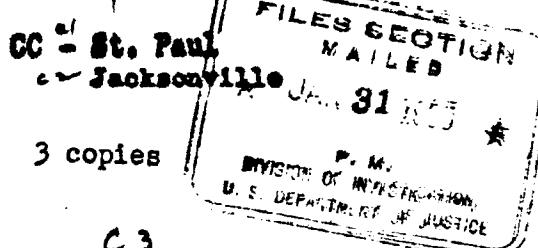
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letters of the Jacksonville office dated January 22 and January 23, 1935, respectively, relative to the men's and women's wearing apparel which was taken from the house on Lake Weir near Oklawaha, Florida, after Kate and Fred Barker were killed on January 16, 1935.

It is noted that this property has been shipped to your office in four leather bags and one metal suitcase, covered by Government bill of lading, J-69639. It is not clear from the letters of the Jacksonville office whether the contents of this shipment are identical with the wearing apparel listed in the memorandum furnished to the Division under date of January 23, 1935, which wearing apparel was said to have been packed in two wooden boxes and stored in the Jacksonville office. In any event, the Division desires that all the property except the automobile, money, jewelry, and guns be immediately returned to the Jacksonville office to be turned over to the local authorities for appropriate disposition under the probate laws of the State of Florida. This matter should receive the immediate attention of your office and the Jacksonville office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Time 12:50 PM

Mr. Alt telephoned from Jacksonville and advised that the U.S.Marshal there was in receipt of a telegraphic subpoena from the U.S.Attorney at St. Paul, to be served on L.E.Futch at Ocala. In the subpoena, Futch is commanded to appear at St. Paul and bring and produce the Buick coupe and money recovered at Ocala and Mr. Alt desired to know the reason for this subpoena.

I advised Mr. Alt that the subpoena was probably served for the protection of Futch in turning this property over to us, but that I would have it checked with the U.S.Attorney's office in St. Paul and advise him.

Respectfully,



E.A.Tamm

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Miami, Florida,
January 23, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Penn., Ave., & 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -
I.O. 1218 - et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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Dear Sir,

Attached hereto are photographic copies of a latent fingerprint removed from a bottle found in the house that Karpis had rented in Miami, Florida. This print was developed by the Miami police department which organization had received the first information concerning the Karpis hide-out here. The detectives who investigated the case found a liquor bottle in the house on which this print was found.

It is suggested that the fingerprints of the various subjects in this case be checked with the attached. To date, the investigation here has resulted in learning that in addition to Karpis the only other persons who visited in this house, outside of the maid, were Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and Delores Delaney. It is suggested that Duke Randall's prints also be checked against this latent print. His fingerprints were forwarded to the Division last night by air mail. He, however, denies ever having been in this hide-out.

The Jacksonville, St. Paul division offices and Mr. Connelley should be furnished with a copy of the report made in accordance with this letter.

Al J. Paul
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Yours very truly,

J. H. HANSON, Special
Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C.:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File No. 7-30

In this memorandum, evidence is being prepared for the assistance of the United States Attorney in presenting the evidence in the BREMER case to a Grand Jury to convene at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 21, 1935.

A summary report has already been submitted by Special Agent D.L.Nicholson, dated at St.Paul,Minnesota, 6-4-34, a copy of which was sent to the office of the United States Attorney in St.Paul,Minnesota, and for this reason the evidence early in the case will not be set out but rather reference will be made to the various witnesses listed in this report and the evidence under each witness.

WITNESSES:

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim. Refer to the report of Special Agent D.L.Nicholson, dated at St.Paul,Minnesota, 6-4-34, beginning at page 2 and continuing. This will contain the story of the kidnap.

FRED CODE. This party prepared the ransom money. Please refer to the above mentioned report, page 36.

ADOLF BREMER, JR. Please refer to the above mentioned report, page 37.

WALTER W.MAGEE. Reference should be had to the above mentioned report, page 17, disclosing that MAGEE will testify as to the delivery of the ransom money.

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MRS.FLORENCE HUMPHREY. Refer to the above mentioned report, page 12. She will testify as to the purchase of the flashlights from her at the Grand-Silver Store by ALVIN KARPIS. In this connection, United States Attorney George F.Sullivan requests that a photograph of KARPIS be available at the time MRS. HUMPHREY testifies before the Grand Jury.

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Refer to the above mentioned report, page 38, which contains the details of finding of the flashlights used in the kidnaping, which were located on a hill a few miles south of Zumbrota, Minnesota.

RUBEN GROSSMAN, Portage, Wisconsin. Please refer to the above mentioned report, page 13. This witness will testify as to the recovery of the gasoline cans used by the kidnapers and left near the farm of GROSSMAN.

HARRY HIBNER, deputy sheriff, Portage, Wisconsin. Please refer to the above mentioned report, page 14. This witness will advise that the finding of the gasoline cans was brought to his attention by GROSSMAN; that he received said cans from GROSSMAN and forwarded same to the St. Paul Division Office.

EARNEST MILLISCH, Portage, Wisconsin. Refer to the above mentioned report, page 15. This witness will testify to having seen a coffee brown colored car drive up to the place where the gasoline cans were found and to occupy themselves at the rear of the car.

MR. GEORGE F. SULLIVAN, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised Agent McIntire that it would not be necessary to set out the witnesses available to show the transactions as to the Bremer ransom money in Chicago, and advised that he will subpoena only WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, for the Grand Jury.

WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, c/o Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank, 3201 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This witness will testify that on April 25, 1934, a man whom he has now had opportunity to view and whom he identifies positively as WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, came to the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank and exchanged thirty-one Federal Reserve Notes, of five dollar denominations, for other money; that these Federal Reserve Notes were drawn upon Minneapolis Banks of the Federal Reserve Bank; that the same were compared with the Bremer ransom money and were found to be Bremer ransom money. These thirty-one five dollar notes are now in the possession of Mr. BLESCHKE at the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank and will be produced by him before the Grand Jury.

A list of the above mentioned thirty-one ransom bills is contained in the report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 5-16-34, of which the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has a copy.

J.C. WHITE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, will testify that JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., was arrested at his home, 3523 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934. In the absence of Special Agent White,

Special Agent K.R.McIntire will be able to testify to this fact.

R.D.BROWN, Special Agent, 1900 Bankers' Building, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Chicago, Illinois. This witness will testify that on April 28, 1934, he interviewed JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., at the Cook County Jail, at which time he was advised by Agent Brown that his son, JIMMIE McLAUGHLIN, had been apprehended with Bremer ransom money in his possession, to which McLAUGHLIN replied, "Jimmie is not guilty of anything and he did not know that the money I gave him was 'hot'. If he was found with some 'hot' money in his possession, I must have given it to him but I did not realize I gave him money of the 'hot' five and ten dollar bills. You (meaning Agent Brown) remind me a great deal of JIMMIE and I want to tell you I realize I am in the middle and I am willing to take whatever the consequences may be but I want that boy to go home tonight". Agent Brown will state that McLAUGHLIN, SR., advised him that he, McLAUGHLIN, met a party in Chicago in the spring of 1934 by the name of WRIGHT, who introduced him, McLAUGHLIN, to two men known as MR.JONES and MR.SMITH, but who were later identified as "SLIM" and "IZZY", who are now known to the Division as RUSSELL GIBSON and OLLIE BERG; that these men informed McLAUGHLIN that they had some "hot" money which they wished to unload in Chicago; that McLAUGHLIN advised Brown that these men wanted McLAUGHLIN to change the money, which was in the form of five and ten dollar bills, into bills of large denomination, and that he, McLAUGHLIN, was to receive a 5% commission in this matter on the money thus changed. McLAUGHLIN admitted to Agent Brown that he, McLAUGHLIN, secured the services of PHILLIP DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER for the purpose of changing this "hot" money into bills of other denomination. He also advised Agent Brown that he, McLAUGHLIN, commenced handling this "hot" money on or about April 18, 1934, and that VIDLER and DELANEY did all the changing at the various banks. McLAUGHLIN admitted to Agent Brown that, after he had disposed of money on three or four consecutive days, he saw "IZZY" and "SLIM" at their rooms in the Irving Hotel, at which time he was curious to learn the identity of the money which he was handling, due to the fact that there appeared to be an unlimited supply of it and that he asked "SLIM" if it was kidnap money and whether it was money from the kidnaping of HAMM in St.Paul; that "SLIM" either said, "YES", or indicated in some way that it was; that "SLIM" stated that they had \$100,000.00 they wanted to get rid of as soon as possible; that, after that was gone, he thought they would be able to get \$200,000.00 more; that McLAUGHLIN inquired as to whether the \$200,000.00 would be BREMER money; that he did not receive any answer to this question but somehow got the impression that the \$200,000.00 was Bremer money. Agent Brown will state that he questioned McLAUGHLIN closely as to the above statement and that McLAUGHLIN finally stated that he believed he was handling money obtained from the release of the WILLIAM HAMM, JR., at that time.

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In the absence of Special Agent R.D.Brown, it has been agreed between the United States Attorney, George F.Sullivan, St.Paul, Minnesota, and Special Agent K.R.McINTIRE, that the latter will be able to testify to the above facts.

Special Agent R.D.BROWN, Division of Investigation, U.S.Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois. This witness will be able to testify further that on April 27,1934, he secured a signed statement from PHILLIP DELANEY in which the latter admitted handling "hot" money, the same having been secured from "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN; that DELANEY admitted exchanging several thousand dollars worth of this money for bills of larger and different denominations.

In the absence of Special Agent R.D.Brown, the United States Attorney, George F.Sullivan, St.Paul, Minnesota, has agreed that Special Agent K.R.McIntire will testify as to the above.

M.C.FALKNER, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S.Department of Justice, 234 Federal Building, Charlotte, North Carolina. This witness has submitted an affidavit relative to an interview which was had with him by JOHN J.McLAUGHLIN, SR., in which McLAUGHLIN admitted having obtained money from a man whom he knew as "SLIM", and another man known to him as "IZZY", in a hotel in Chicago, Illinois, in 1934, which money he suspected was "hot" and understood was money paid in ransom in the HAMM kidnaping case and that he further understood that he was to receive either \$100.00 or \$200.00 additional from the same source; that upon being given this money by these men, it was the understanding that he, McLAUGHLIN, was to change this money into bills of larger denominations at the Chicago banks, for which service he was to receive 5% of all money so exchanged.

In the absence of Special Agent Falkner, Special Agent McIntire will be able to testify as to this information.

JIMMIE WILSON, Spring Valley, Illinois. This witness will advise that he lived in the Irving Hotel in Chicago with DR.JOSEPH P.MORAN in the spring of 1934; that on or about April 14,1934 he went to the hotel room occupied by DR.MORAN and that the doctor was noted to open the door cautiously, only part way, at which time JIMMIE WILSON could see into the room and could observe "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, OLLIE BERG, and RUSSELL GIBSON, who was then known to JIMMIE WILSON as "SLIM" EVANS, bending over the bed on which was spread a large quantity of money. WILSON will testify that there must have been several thousand dollars there; that, as he recalls, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN was in the center, and RUSSELL GIBSON and OLLIE BERG were on either side of McLAUGHLIN; that he observed "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN counting this money, which was on the bed, and that OLLIE BERG and RUSSELL GIBSON were watching him. WILSON will also state that he heard OLLIE BERG make the remark to "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, SR., "How much more

do you want?" This witness will state that on or about April 20, 1934, he was called to DR.MORAN'S room at the Irving Hotel by OLLIE BERG and, when he arrived, OLLIE BERG was alone; that shortly thereafter JOHN J.MCLAUGHLIN, SR., came into the room, unaccompanied; that, after an exchange of greetings, WILSON noticed OLLIE BERG hand McLAUGHLIN a package wrapped in newspaper and heard him remark, "Don't bother about counting it, it's alright". This witness will also testify to the close association between JOHN J.MCLAUGHLIN, SR., RUSSELL GIBSON, OLLIE BERG, and DOCTOR MORAN. This witness will further state that, as soon as the Chicago newspapers carried the information that "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN had been arrested for having handled some Bremer ransom money, DR.MORAN, RUSSELL GIBSON, and OLLIE BERG, immediately left Chicago, Illinois, for Toledo, Ohio, in order to avoid apprehension.

ELMER FARMER, c/o Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois. This witness will advise that shortly before Christmas of 1933, FRED BARKER and GEORGE ZIEGLER came to him for the purpose of securing a house where several men could be held for a week or ten days. He will advise he assisted these men in getting a house through one, HAROLD ALDERTON, (also spelled ALLERTON), at Bensenville, Illinois. He will advise that he saw ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, and GEORGE ZIEGLER together on numerous occasions in Bensenville, Illinois, prior to the Bremer kidnaping. He will state that on the morning after BREMER was kidnaped, HAROLD ALDERTON told him that the "boys got in last night and they had a fellow with them who had been hit on the head but who would be alright"; that on this same day HAROLD ALDERTON also told him that these boys had kidnaped Bremer and were holding him in his, ALDERTON'S, home for ransom. FARMER will state that on many occasions he purchased groceries for the gang at LADERTON'S house and that he served as a lookout for this gang and it was intended that he should advise this gang if any investigation were conducted in Bensenville, looking toward the location of MR.BREMER. He will advise that he was in the hide-out house, known as the Alderton home, in Bensenville, Illinois, at least three or four times a week; that, on these occasions, he saw the following persons besides himself: HARRY CAMPBELL; Arthur "DOC" BARKER; FRED BARKER; HAROLD ALDERTON; GEORGE ZIEGLER alias FRED GOETZ; ALVIN KARPIS; and two unidentified men known hereinafter as "JOHN DOE" and "RICHARD ROE". These men, to date, are unknown to this Division. FARMER has described JOHN DOE as follows:

Name:	(<u>"JOHN DOE"</u>)
Age:	30 to 35 years
Height:	5'8" or 9"
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Large
Face:	Round
Build:	Husky.

Name: ("RICHARD HOE")
Age: 30 years
Height: 5'6" or 7'
Weight: 135 to 140 pounds
Hair: Dark brown
Face: Thin
Build: Slender.

This witness will further advise that he was paid \$1,000.00 for the service which he rendered in the holding of BREMER. He will further state that, from his observation, FRED BARKER and GEORGE ZIEGLER made practically all of the trips to St. Paul to carry the ransom messages; that these men were always dressed in business men's clothing, while the others, who were at the hideout, were dressed in high boots, riding trousers, and loose suede jackets. He will advise that he saw machine guns at the hideout house; that on one occasion he saw GEORGE ZIEGLER and FRED BARKER enter the room occupied by BREMER, wearing tied handkerchiefs which would be pulled up over their faces; that these two men remained in BREMER'S room for perhaps thirty or forty minutes and then returned to the kitchen and removed the handkerchiefs, which were fastened by knots behind their necks.

K.R.McINTIRE, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago Illinois. This witness will testify that the hideout in which BREMER was held has now been located at Bensenville, Illinois. He will state that he has personally examined the hideout and has found it to meet the description given by Victim BREMER in practically every particular. It is expected, also, that Victim BREMER will be able to testify as to his identification of the hideout. Special Agent McIntire will be able to testify as to the close association between the members mentioned in the indictment and the reasons why indictments should be returned against such parties.

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FILE NO. 7-2034

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Birmingham, Ala.	1-23-35	1-12, 20, 21-35	A. Hale Watkins.
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases HUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases		I.O. #1218; I.O. #1219; I.O. #1213; I.O. #1232; et al;	CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Frank Mathews convicted of bank robbery at Summerville, Ga., in 1914; case abated on an appeal on 10-8-14 due to fact that Mathews had died prior to the hearing on the appeal. Information received that Mathews died while serving on a chain gang near Rome, Ga. during the year 1914. Mathews has no relatives living at Lyerly, Ga. Law enforcement officials in Birmingham district notified of descriptions of Karpis and Campbell and type of automobiles used while traveling from Florida to New Jersey. Hospitals requested to advise if subjects contacted them.

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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. J. D. Reynolds, Birmingham, Ala., 11-14-34, and two telegrams from Division to Birmingham dated 1-20-35.

DETAILS: At Summerville, Ga.

J. B. Lewis, Clerk of the Superior Court, Chattooga County, Summerville, Ga., advised that he remembered the name of Frank Mathews, and stated that Mathews was convicted in his court in 1914 for the robbery of the Bank of Lyerly, Lyerly, Ga. Lewis made a diligent search of the records, but failed to find the records in this case.

Lewis was, however, able to find the record of the appeal of this case to the Court of Appeals of Georgia, at Atlanta, Ga. Lewis stated that the records in his office showed that the case was heard on appeal before the Court of Appeals on October 8, 1914, at which time the case was ordered by that court to abate, in view of the fact that suggestion had been made to the court that Mathews was then deceased. This suggestion was also made a part of the record, by order of the court.

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Lewis stated that he remembered the case, and that Mathews had died of tuberculosis in a chain gang, near Rome, Ga., between the date of his conviction in 1914, and the hearing of his appeal on October 8, 1914.

At Lyerly, Ga.

J. P. Rose, Assistant Postmaster, and former Postmaster, Lyerly, Chattooga County, Ga., advised that he remembered the case against Mathews, and that Mathews was convicted of the bank robbery, but died a short time later of tuberculosis, in a chaingang near Rome, Ga. Rose stated that he remembered that Mathews became ill, and the officials removed him from the gang to a tent by himself, and that he died a short time after in this same tent.

Rose stated that it was his understanding that Mathews was from the State of Texas, and he had heard that he owned and operated a drug store some place in Texas.

Rose also stated that Mathews had no relatives living in the vicinity of Lyerly, nor did he have any friends, as he was a stranger there prior to the robbery of the bank.

Judge Mose Wright of Rome, Ga., who was sitting on the bench in the Superior Court of Chattooga County, Summerville, Ga., at the time of the trial of Mathews is now dead.

At Birmingham, Ala.

On receipt of first telegram of reference from the Division, advising that Karpis and Dolores Delaney were proceeding north from Florida in a 1935 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 4949155, bearing Florida license D-5306, pertinent information relative to the same was transmitted to the following agents with instructions to advise the police officers in their vicinities to check the hospitals for any information bearing to the apprehension of Karpis and the Delaney woman.

E. E. Overstreet, Macon, Ga.

J. E. Lunsford, Atlanta, Ga.

W. A. Temple, Oxford, Miss.

K. R. Schroeder, Grenada, Miss.

The following Police Departments were notified to furnish assistance to Sheriffs and Highway Officials in their vicinities, in causing the apprehension and location of Karpis and companion.

Police at Columbus, Valdosta and Thomasville, Ga.

Police at Montgomery and Birmingham, Ala.

Desk Sergeant Wilson of the Birmingham Police Department advised that a general broadcast was received from the Jacksonville, Fla., Police about January 19, 1935, furnishing physical description of persons similar to Karpis and Delaney, and advising that they had left Florida in a Buick Sedan on Wednesday, January 16, 1935.

On receipt of second telegram of reference from the Division, advising that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had engaged in a gun battle with the Atlantic City, N.J. Police at 7:00 A.M. on January 20, 1935, escaping in a pea green Pontiac coach, Motor No. 1039382, bearing 1935 New Jersey license plates A-3073, for 1935. The above mentioned Special Agents in the field, including Special Agent W. M. Sirene, who was then at Dothan, Alabama, were advised, and instructed to notify police officials relative to the descriptions of Karpis and Campbell, and the automobile, advising of the dangerous character of the occupants, contacting hospitals with a view to causing the subjects' apprehension.

Chiefs of Police in the above mentioned cities in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and the Police of Columbus, Miss., were advised by telegram on January 20th, 1935, relative to the description of Karpis, Campbell and the Pontiac Coach that they were driving, and of the dangerous character of the occupants, and requested to maintain close watch for the automobile, apprehending the subjects, and to check the hospitals in their respective districts for any information of value leading to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Special Agents F. T. McIntyre Jr., and Charles Holtz checked hospitals in Birmingham, Alabama, without obtaining any information of value.

Special Agents Wm. R. High and L. A. Obenshain likewise checked the Birmingham hotels and garages, which produced negative results.

The Birmingham Office is conducting investigation in Atlanta, Ga., at the State Prison Commission, State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, for any information their records may disclose concerning friends, relatives, etc. of Mathews. Efforts will be made through these records to verify the death of Mathews shortly after his conviction in 1914, at Summerville, Ga.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

RAM:SH

January 22, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases--I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases--I. O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim;
KIDNAPING

This will confirm receipt of your telegram from Philadelphia at 10:08 P. M. on January 21, 1935, advising that Deluxe sedan used by Harry Campbell was purchased at Gainesville, Florida the latter part of 1934 and registered, later tags for 1935 were obtained in Florida under the name of G. L. Summers, that the car is probably in Miami, Florida, and requesting that the same be checked for detailed description and tags at Gainesville and Miami, Florida; said car being a Ford.

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has advised that he has no record of car registration under the name of G. L. Summers at Gainesville but that 1934 tag 204692, title 952664, issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida, for Ford four-door sedan, motor number 18-1190702, and that he has no record that 1935 tag issued for this car.

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By telephone at noon on January 22, 1935, P. O. Keeter, sales manager of the Ford agency in Gainesville, Florida, advised as follows: That on November 16, 1934, he sold standard four-door Ford sedan, motor number 18-1190702, to one G. F. Summers; that Florida tag 204692 for 1934 issued for this car.

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Keeter stated that two or three days before the sale of this car to Summers, Summers had a wreck with a Ford coupe near Bronson, in Levy County, Florida, which is about thirty miles from Gainesville; that in this wreck he ran into another car, killing Mr. and Mrs. Canon, Mr. Canon being employed by the Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville. Mr. Keeter went to Bronson, found that Summers was a fine likeable fellow, with a more than decent personality, and that he interceded for him and prevailed upon Sheriff W. B. Whidden of Bronson, Florida, not to arrest Summers. At that time Summers was only slightly injured. The Ford coupe he was driving was a Deluxe 1934 model, motor number 1194246. He traded this coupe, after it was wrecked, to Keeter for the Ford four-door sedan previously mentioned, paying a difference of \$454.50 in cash. Keeter does not remember the

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denominations of currency but believes that Summers paid with either one five-hundred-dollar bill or five one-hundred-dollar bills. Keeter has no records of tags that the Deluxe coupe bore.

The Ford sedan, motor number 18-1190702, Keeter sold to Summers was either a dark blue or black with wire wheels, tire in rear, with metal cover. It was a regular standard sedan and not a Deluxe model.

Keeter described Summers as being

between 28-30 years of age,
5 feet, 10 inches in height,
weight from 140-155 pounds,
slender,
between blonde and light brown hair,
light complexion, fair skin,
blue eyes.

He gave his residence as El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, and for the Ford coupe which he traded to Keeter he had a bill of sale which reflected that it was purchased from the Dade Motor Sales Company, Miami, Florida, on October 24, 1934, by C. F. Summers, address: El Commodore Hotel, salesman being Sutherland, invoice number 1807. Keeter states that the signature of the salesman of the Dade Motor Sales Company is illegible but it looks like Allen. This bill of sale reflects terms of sale as cash.

Keeter stated that a month or two after November 16, 1934, two ladies appeared at his office to secure the title certificate for Ford sedan, motor number 18-1190702--one was an elderly lady about fifty years of age with a hard face, a brunette, and she was accompanied by a younger woman and to the best of his recollection she was a blonde. He doubts whether he can identify either of these persons from photographs but is pretty positive that if he sees them again he will be able to identify them. Keeter stated that when Summers bought this car he gave no information whatsoever concerning himself; that while Summers was purchasing this car a telephone call was received for him from Birmingham, that after a short conversation Summers returned to Keeter saying that the call was apparently in error, that he was not the person wanted. Summers told Keeter that he was a dog man and was en route to Tallahassee, Florida, to see State officials in connection with the dog-racing game in Florida. According to Keeter, Summers had in his car an automatic pistol and several extra clips. He appeared to be a refined cultured sort of chap, with a likeable and pleasing personality. Keeter is positive that he could identify him if he ever saw him again.

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Mr. Keeter concluded by stating that with reference to the wreck at Bronson, Florida, when Mr. and Mrs. Canon were killed, it was definitely determined that Summers was not at fault, which was the reason for his not being held for investigation.

It is possible and highly probable that Harry Campbell or some other person connected with this mob may still be in possession of this car in Florida. All Agents are requested to take appropriate action in the field, endeavoring to locate this automobile. This is especially true in Miami and vicinity.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to all Agents presently operating in the district of the Jacksonville office.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

Jax #7-24
cc Division
St. Paul
Chicago
J. H. Hanson, Miami
(AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY)
All Agents in Jacksonville office district

P. S. Since the above and foregoing letter was dictated and typed SAC Hanson from Miami has advised that the Ford sedan purchased by G. F. Summers in Gainesville, Florida, on November 16, 1934, has been located in Miami.

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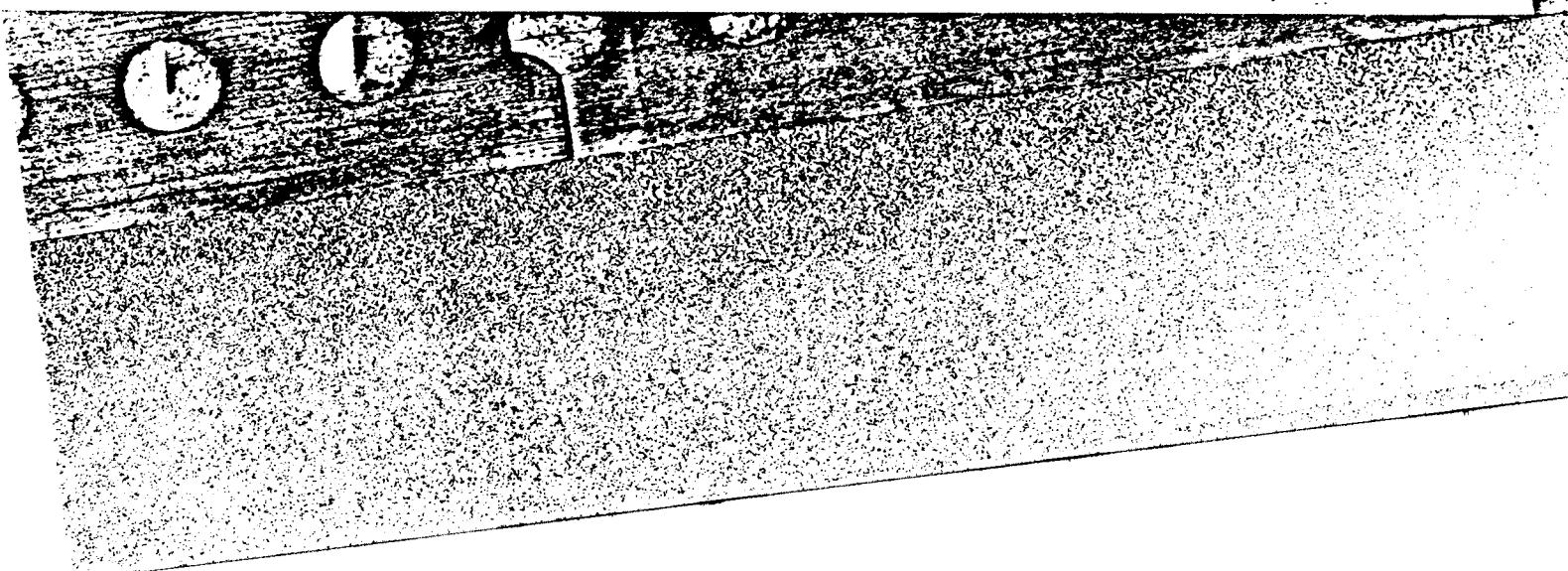
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